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1. ☐ The amendment filed on 09 May 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

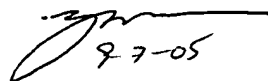
c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

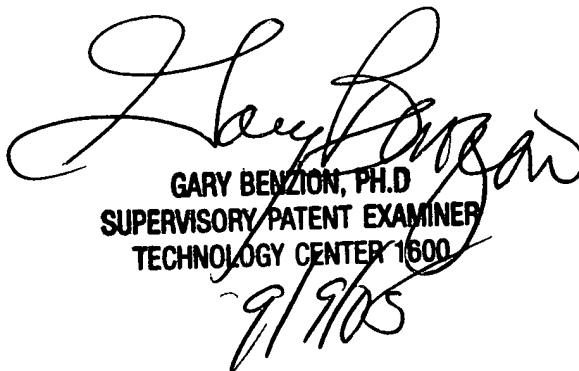
d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

While Applicants contend that the amendment merely cancels claim 56 for resubmission in a continuing application and that no other amendments or modification is presented, it is clear that other claims have been amended so as to change the scope of the invention previously allowed. For example, claim 1 has been amended from step (v) which determines the sequence identities of the product strings relative to at least one initial character string to "at least one of the product strings," clearly broadening the step previously allowed. In addition, claim amendments other than the cancelation of claim 56, are replete throughout the claims, contrary to Applicants' assertion. Thus, the amendment will not be entered.



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